

February 17, 2022 1600 ET COVID 19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts Sit Rep

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Note: new reporting charts will be integrated as of tomorrow February 18 for hardening the POE and Trade Corridors and EA measures tracking.

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<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 17, 2022 – 16:00 ET

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and

started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

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Bottom Line

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Emerson

- ~ Emerson POE is open. No impacts to operations or wait times have been reported.
- ~ The NOTAM airspace restriction has been lifted by Transport Canada.

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Coutts

- ~ No impacts to operations or wait times reported.

North Portal/Northgate:

- ~ As of 1423 ET, no impact to CBSA at this time and volumes of traffic are low, but flowing freely. RCMP members are in the area and monitoring with patrols. RCMP have established checkpoints at US Border and 50 m North of POE.
- ~ A protest staging area has been set up west of the POE Northgate on private land. Area is being cleared of snow by equipment. 4 campers, a trailer and a port-a-potty are set up.

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- ~ As of 1254 ET, Two pick-up trucks observed approximately 150m North of the POE; one parked on the shoulder in the Southbound lane, while the other is parked on the shoulder facing North in the Northbound lane. Three people are observed via the cameras on the shoulder of the road. There is no impediment to traffic.
- ~ RCMP is not on site, but has been engaged.

Pacific Highway

- ~ As of 0800 ET, Pacific Highway POE is open. No wait times reported and no protests at the POE or on the US side.
- ~ Update on Prince George Convoy: 30-50 vehicles departed Kamloops this morning. Destination of Vancouver is not confirmed, as there is a lot conflicting and unsubstantiated information at this time.

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Commercial passages for Blue Water Bridge, Ambassador Bridge, Emerson, Coutts and Pacific Highway:

Work Location Name	11-Feb-22	12-Feb-22	13-Feb-22	14-Feb-22	15-Feb-22	16-Feb-22	17-Feb-22	Total	To date *
Sarnia Blue Bridge - Commercial	4397	4276	1509	2646	3329	3361	1550	21068	25962
Windsor, Ambassador Bridge - Commercial	3	0	0	2717	4424	4763	2286	14193	14193
Emerson West Lynne - Commercial	0	2	2	1	2	302	307	616	679
Coutts - Commercial	20	9	0	0	129	301	137	596	608
Pacific Highway - Commercial	1324	440	4	6	941	1344	439	4498	5876
Total:	5744	4727	1515	5370	8825	10071	4719	40971	47318

* To date totals are from Feb. 10 2022 inclusively.

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Upcoming Protests Events

ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED

·~ PAC Highway – Away from the POE ·~ Emerson – North of POE ·~ Paterson – North of POE ·~ Coutts – North of POE Overseas ·~ New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests ·~ Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests	Feb 17 or 18 ·~ North Portal ~ <u>February 19</u> ·~ Peace Bridge- New event for Niagara being organized for Saturday February 19th to close down the Peace Bridge (unconfirmed) ·~ Windsor Riverfront - poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19th at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront. ·~ Paterson, PAC ·~ Lacolle, QUE ·~ Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21) ~ <u>February 20</u> ·~ Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) ~ <u>Unconfirmed:</u> Sprague, MB ~ USA ·~ Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related) ·~ Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, Followed by a ‘freedom’ convoy (route unknown)
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Protestors Identified at Port of Entry

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As of 10:30 ET Feb 14, 2022, no new Enhanced Vigilance Examination were reported.

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3		~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3	~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.

Lansdowne, NOR	1	2	1~	1~	2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1	1~	1~	1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1	1~	1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2	1~	2	1~	Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Blue Water Bridge	1	2	1~	2	1~	Feb 15: Two FN's arrived with intent of attending the Ottawa Trucker protest. Both employed by RSBN (Right Side Broadcasting Network) – and did not meet entry requirements. Allowed to leave granted.
Total	18	33	22	7	4	1~

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1~ Feb 16, the Border Information Services (BIS) is reporting increased activity related to the COVID Mandate protests; email containing conspiracy theories, threats calls against the CBSA and Law Enforcement agencies from the same phone number and an increase in calls relating to the importation of items such as body armour, ammunition, firearms and gas masks.

1~ Officers are instructed to immediately notify management when one of these calls is received.

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Atlantic Region

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1~ As of 1241 ET, Centreville POE reported 3 vehicles and 4 people arrived near CBSA property to protest. The group did not block traffic or impact operations. RCMP arrived onsite, and protest was dispersed as of 1313 ET.

1~ As of 1228 ET, Woodstock POE advised of 2 separate instances of protest vehicles arriving at the POE and lingering in the area. Vehicles left peacefully by 1314. Regional IO was advised.

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Quebec Region

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Lacolle

- ~ As of 1100 ET, no changes have been reported. POE continues to monitor for possible protest activity.

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Northern Ontario Region

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Cornwall

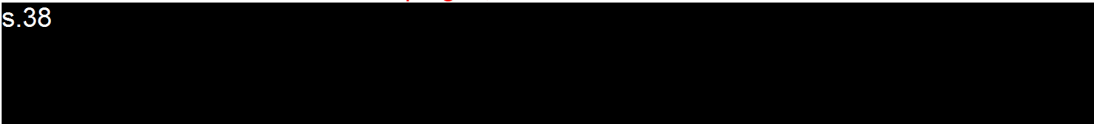
- ~ NOR reports open source info advising truckers who may be leaving Ottawa to avoid fines should to block Gananoque (Lansdowne) and Cornwall bridges.

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Fort Frances / Rainy River

- ~ Updates have been received in regards to a possible protest that could affect rail. Rail will be blocked in Baudette, MN. Rail from Fort Frances re-enters the US at Rainy River for about 45 minutes and re-enters Canada at Sprague, MB.

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Lansdowne

- ~ Open source info is advising truckers who may be leaving Ottawa to avoid fines should to block Gananoque (Lansdowne) and Cornwall bridges.
- ~ IEOD Kingston reports five OPP cruisers are stationed at Thousand Islands Bridge – two cruisers are stationed before the toll booth on the northbound/southbound lanes of Highway 137, two cruisers are stationed on the north side of the bridge in the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority (TIBA) garage parking lot, and one cruiser is located on the south side of the bridge.

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Ottawa Airport

- ~ Rapid intelligence developments are ongoing regarding protest activities in the city, but nothing directly related to POE/IEOD operations.

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Greater Toronto Area Region

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- ~ CBSA provided information from an ongoing GTA investigation which was useful to police in intercepting an individual planning to join the protests in Ottawa.

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Toronto Pearson Airport

- ~ Open, no BWT associated with protest activities. No protests near the POE, nor any information suggesting a planned protest.
- ~ Peel Regional Police (POJ) have increased presence, providing a visual/physical deterrent in case individuals/groups should be contemplating to slow drive through the airport to cause a disruption.
- ~ Local EIOD has advised from POJ there are no current and specific threats they are aware of and we are assured that if there were that information would be shared via our regular intel channels.
- ~ No protest activities noted at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Hamilton Airport, or Kitchener-Waterloo Airport.

- ~ Airport partners advised of changes with Emergency Measures Act, USCBP, PHAC, Transport Canada, GTAA.
- ~ GTA continues to monitor and engage with police of jurisdiction.

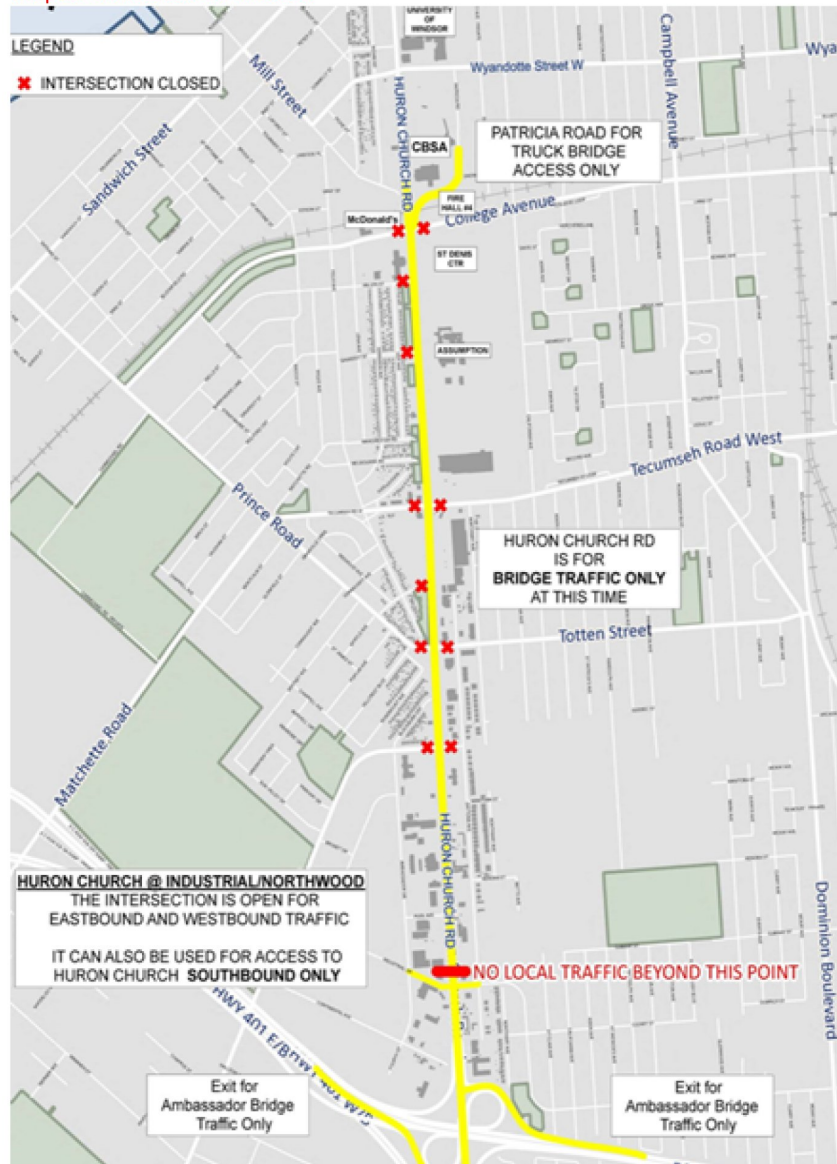
Southern Ontario Region

Ambassador Bridge

- ~ No impacts to operations or wait times have been reported.
- ~ Uncorroborated information: poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19th at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront.
- ~ LE partners are maintaining a strong presence in the area. Concrete barricades were installed to block routes leading to Ambassador Bridge.

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Map of Barricades at Windsor



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Blue Water Bridge

- ~ No impacts to operations or wait times have been reported.

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Peace Bridge:

- ~ An Alert in relation to the protest activity was issued this morning from SOR.
- ~ Please note: online activities relating to the Ottawa occupation are only being provided to provide situational awareness on the general mood and possible reaction to the Emergency Order and LE action. SOR IEOD will continue to report on any impact to SOR POEs, if any.
- ~ SOR reports that Niagara EOC will be open this weekend and staffed with CBSA management reps.
- ~ I/O attended POE to provide briefings. IEOD previously identified planned protests for the U.S. side of Peace Bridge for February 19th-20th. It is unknown if intended participants will forgo this event and travel to D.C. instead. Given that the D.C. Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24th, it is possible that the Feb 19th protest will still occur at PB (on the U.S. side).
- ~ Uncorroborated information received regarding a new event for Niagara being organized for Saturday, February 19th to close down the Peace Bridge.
- ~ Event planned for Saturday, February 19th called "Freedom Ride," which called on supporters to bring their horses, has been cancelled.

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Passage count week by week (updated February 17)

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Commercial Conveyance Count

Southern Ontario Region Commercial Conveyance Counts																	
# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	1/31/2022	2/1/2022	2/2/2022	2/3/2022	2/4/2022	2/5/2022	2/6/2022	2/7/2022	2/8/2022	2/9/2022	2/10/2022	2/11/2022	2/12/2022	2/13/2022	2/14/2022	2/15/2022	2/16/2022
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	5,554	4,864	4,365	3,311	4,348	2,597	1,189	1,728	5						2,639	4,427	4,705
Samia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,818	2,182	1,954	2,460	1,277	621	2,665	4,845	5,119	4,893	4,397	4,275	1,509	2,644	3,332	3,560
Fort Erie Commercial	1,758	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,538	705	386	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,525	2,345	1,040	350	796	1,697	1,851
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,152	531	261	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	2,012	694	501	1,239	1,559	1,568
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,522	9,498	5,110	2,459	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,382	8,754	6,009	2,160	7,318	11,015	11,684
Difference								-14%	-24%	-6%	25%	-8%	18%	-12%	5%	34%	24%
								-1,131	-2,609	-545	1,860	-744	899	-299	352	2,784	2,210

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SOR Traveller conveyance count

Southern Ontario Region Traveller Conveyance Counts																	
# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	1/31/2022	2/1/2022	2/2/2022	2/3/2022	2/4/2022	2/5/2022	2/6/2022	2/7/2022	2/8/2022	2/9/2022	2/10/2022	2/11/2022	2/12/2022	2/13/2022	2/14/2022	2/15/2022	2/16/2022
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,875	1,040	874	1,544	903	951	611	15	21	16	6			1,227	1,459	1,522
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,693	1,556	2,645	1,309	1,187	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,784	4,860	2,462	1,097	3,185	3,236	3,335
Samia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	334	720	519	526	578	394	380	490	610	464	514	561	488	532
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	646	1,055	896	1,229	1,140	998	969	936	1,355	824	933	1,072	1,011	1,109
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	290	512	518	541	491	445	452	568	720	565	598	589	469	512
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	265	279	302	323	339	354	301	381	466	537	594	505	417	529	514
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,879	6,778	4,468	4,833	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,280	8,088	4,909	4,547	7,051	7,002	7,318
Difference								0%	-9%	49%	88%	19%	10%	-6%	-2%	6%	4%
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Prairie Region

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Coutts

- ~ No impacts to operations or wait times being reported

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Emerson

- ~ No impacts to operations or wait times being reported
- ~ Traffic at out ports is significantly reduced. RCMP will attempt to maintain 24hr presence in the area.
- ~ The NOTAM airspace restriction over the Emerson protest has been lifted.

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North Portal/ Northgate

- Region reports that RCMP Members on scene at have confirmed a semi truck, 10 - 15 passenger vehicles, several campers and portable toilets have been set up on a plot of private land near the North Gate POE 30 km East of North Portal.
- The camp is located aprox. 400yds. from the Northgate POE. The map shows the land owned by **Personal Info.**
- A second group of protesters is expected to arrive tomorrow and they are not friendly to the first group who arrived (believe they have stolen their time in the spotlight on this protest).
- The first group has said they plan to stay 7 days and the second group had an original plan to stay four days – from Friday to Monday.
- RCMP will continue to engage with protest organizers and align further resources at Northgate to ensure protestors do not block the POE.
- Information collected to this point indicates that the protesters in this area intend to protest peacefully and lawfully.
- Check point “B” near the POE has been disbanded and traffic continues to flow freely. RCMP members are stations at Check Point (CP) A and CP C. Size of the crowd has remained stable through the night.
- PRA reports are that the North Portal event will be a protest, not a blockade with participants coming from the north and south. RCMP are on site in preparation, but do not have an ETA on the group.

Rainy River / Sprague

- PRA reports intelligence received that POE will be targeted for upcoming protest.
- Unconfirmed reports of a blockade of the CN line at Rainy River, ON. NOR intel has been informed. The rail line at Rainy River, ON re-enters Canada at Sprague, MB so if the information is accurate, there may be potential for disruption at the line at Sprague, MB.

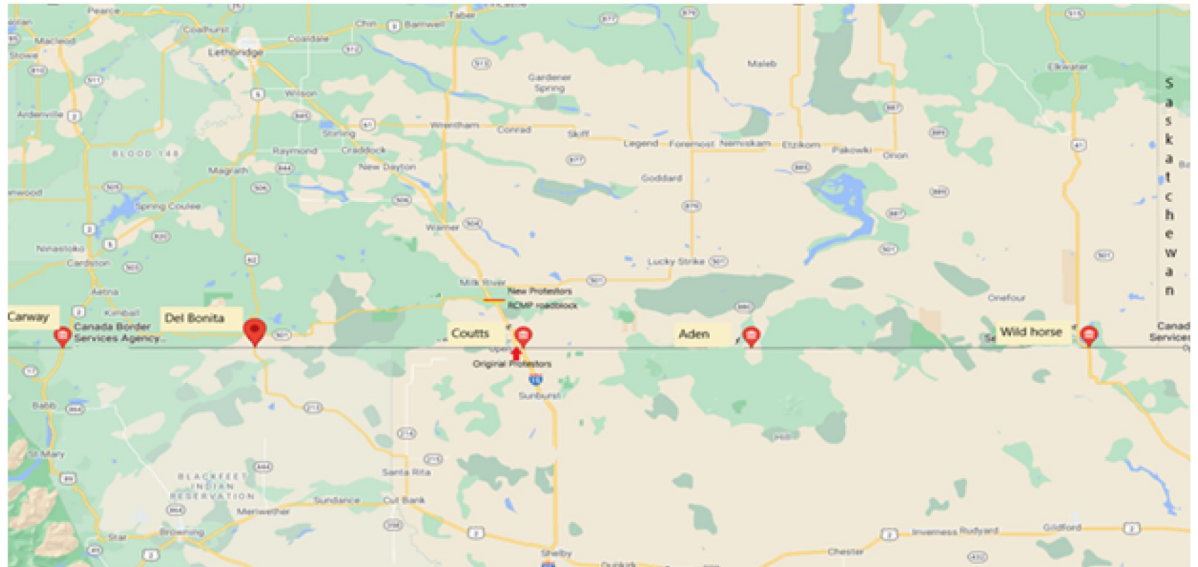
Prairie - Hours of Operation (updated as of 1530 ET, Feb 15, 2022)

Alberta	Manitoba
Regular Travellers: Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Mon - Fri Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week	Regular Travellers: Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week Boissevain (24/7) Sprague (24/7)
Commercial Traffic: Rooseville, BC North Portal, SK	Commercial Traffic: Boissevain and Sprague

Combined Conveyance Counts (as some small POEs do not differentiate between commercial or travellers)

Prairie Region Conveyance Counts																											
# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-01-22	2022-01-23	2022-01-24	2022-01-25	2022-01-26	2022-01-27	2022-01-28	2022-01-29	2022-01-30	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15	2022-02-16	
Coutts Travellers	146	130	119	130	114	138	150	118	17	15	10	7	27	44	46	83	92	58	15	21	45	27	3	43	89		
Coutts Commercial*	346	328	344	323	423	473	240	27					59	117	139	154	196	161		12	20	9		129	290		
Emerson Travellers	86	71	86	69	62	82	130	82	73	77	20	106	88	97	63	87	98	17	91	31	19	95	22	27	71	57	
Emerson Commercial	604	519	395	637	786	793	883	530	331	388	218	818	620	763	572	337	438	649	771	78		2	2	1	2	288	
Del Bonita			22	7	14	24	15			111	142	131	117	118		61	64	255	336	287	69	105	228	152	53		
Carway	27	36	20	17	16	17	24	20	115	89	106	67	62	53	83	97	62	31	67	87	78	150	105	73	34		
Atlas	1			1	1		2	1	14	6	8	6	6	6	9	6	1	6	8	6	10	2	7	3			
Other Commercial POEs																											
Regency	40	24	64	51	43	58	55	83	40	42	87	76	102	81	44	44	59	75	78	67	72	42	57	106	93	92	
Rooseville	44	71	72	59	106	105	95	60	134	156	130	147	135	128	83	127	91	89	125	152	146	98	98	113	92	117	
North Portal Travellers	24	29	43	35	33	44	53	44	51	44	29	36	47	38	37	40	43	44	38	46	49	48	17	54	49	48	
North Portal Commercial	293	236	194	259	291	361	340	306	258	201	225	418	382	279	277	305	259	291	427	446	295	417	329	256	345	437	
Sprague	32	27	62	68	74	81	83	21	22	65	39	69	59	38	21	28	64	71	64	113	118	113	56	150	121	136	
Boissevain	34	22	73	86	105	103	106	39	39	83	37	101	104	117	40	35	112	123	146	195	148	72	65	138	106	191	

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Pacific Region

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- Two pick-up trucks were observed approximately 150m North of the POE, not on CBSA property.
- One is parked on the shoulder in the Southbound lane, while the other is parked on the shoulder facing North in the Northbound lane. Three people are observed via the cameras on the shoulder of the road.
- Vehicles are currently not blocking any traffic, but remain on the side of the highway. No impediment to traffic flow at this point.
- RCMP is not on site, but has been engaged.

Pacific Highway

- No protestors can be seen in area. RCMP report small gathering at 176th & 8th
- Checkpoints:
 - There is a very visible presence of RCMP from 7th southbound on 176th
 - Cement barricades in place to limit to single lane each way. RCMP checking each car/truck (per pic below)
 - All side streets between 2nd and 4th Avenue (access to residential area) have RCMP
 - 184th & 0 checkpoint still active
- BC Highway Camera's (for live footage of 176th Street near the Pacific Highway POE): B.C. Highway Cams (drivebc.ca)
- No change reported. There are about 10-12 protestors still on site at the corner of 8th and 176th St.
- The convoy departed Kamloops this morning. A video by one of the convoy members showed approx 30-50 vehicles, comprised of mostly passenger vehicles (pickup trucks and SUVs). The updated itinerary shows Vancouver as the final destination but there is a lot conflicting and unsubstantiated information about their destination.
- The convoy might not attend the 176th border as originally planned. Instructions were given to other individuals to not join the convoy at the land border as there is nothing happening there. Given the

transition to private chat forums, it's possible that misleading information may be posted on open forums.

- A few related posts have discussed targeting other locations including Delta Port and Vancouver Airport.
- The convoy was last observed near the Hope area but routing has changed to avoid law enforcement detection. Police presence on the highway reported that the convoy has not rolled through the lower mainland in a large group. Their location is currently unknown.

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Paterson

- As of 1457 ET, 8 Vehicles and approximately 13 people remain on site. One lane is open and traffic is still able to move in both directions. Vehicles have been moved to one side of the highway to create additional room for vehicles to pass.

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Combined Conveyance Counts

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Intelligence and Enforcement

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Intelligence Landscape

BLUF:

- As of Feb 17, 2022 at 1430 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups.
- ITAC assesses that the terrorism threat to uniformed personnel is medium.

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ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- Verbal threats to law enforcement officers on the ground at protests have increased significantly in the last few days. There has also been an increase in online chatter and posts (videos, comments, messages, photos) encouraging violence, including shooting on sight, towards any and all law enforcement. CBSA has now received various threats via email and telephone. The Border Information Services (BIS) has received multiple threatening phone calls in the last few hours from **Personal Info.** that were quite disturbing. BIS have also reported a threat was received by email in the Contact Us mailbox February 13, 2022. The subject line of the email is "NUREMBURG OR DIE" and within the body of the email the client stated "YOU BETTER ARREST THEM NOW!!! Federal arrest, local arrest, citizen's arrest, international arrest, marshal arrest, sheriff arrest, ...NOW OR DIE". Further, the Canadian Consulate General in Dallas, TX received two threatening voicemails overnight from **Personal Info.** opining about the trucker convoy in Canada. The voicemails were very explicit; punctuated with vulgar terms to describe the Prime Minister. One of the voicemails indicated that **Personal Info.** of the Third Reich". Moreover, the RCMP became aware of a post on twitter where a user posted a screengrab purporting to be from the convoy communications app, in which an alleged convoy supporter claims that the logistics camp at 302 Coventry Rd in Ottawa has acquired/is acquiring gas masks in anticipation of police action. The info was posted by twitter user **Personal Info.** at 17:11 on Feb. 16, another indication of the rising tensions between protestors and law enforcement and the preparation for situations to escalate towards violence. A video posted to YouTube on today (Feb 17) shows OPS, OPP, PLT, and liaison officers being met with hostility as they delivered notices to protesters. Demonstrators yelled at officers as they departed the area. The video also shows a small group of demonstrators recording on their phones, following officers.
- Given the events over the past few days in Surrey, BC, Coutts, AB and Windsor, ON, this appears to be indicative of increased hostility towards law enforcement personnel.

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POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, **s.38** indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- Planned protest at St-Bernard-de-Lacolle POE - Facebook group: **Personal Info.** **Personal Info.** is planning a civil protest at St-Bernard-de-Lacolle POE on February 19, 2022

starting at 0700h ET. There are currently 71 people attending and 313 interested. Sûreté du Québec (SQ) and USCBP were contacted. As of February 15, 2022, the event page has been deleted from Facebook. It is unclear whether the event is cancelled or being circulated through other more discreet media. **There are no concrete updates about possible protests to happen on 2022-02-19. Nevertheless, there will be a small police presence today (Feb 17) and tomorrow (Feb 18) to keep an oversight of the situation. Additionally, on February 19, a police operation of the same scope as on 2022-02-16 is planned to ensure that no protests or POE blockage happens.**

- ~ **No update.** Planned protest at Peace Bridge (CDN side) on February 19, 2022. The organizer of the event is calling on supporters and their horses to meet at the bottom of the Peace Bridge (CDN side) at 1300h. Additionally, planned protests have been identified for Peace Bridge (US side) for February 19-20, 2022, however it is unknown if intended participants will forgo this event and travel to DC on February 24, 2022, instead.
- ~ **Uncorroborated information on social media about a possible new convoy planned for February 19, 2022 starting at 11:00 CST travelling from Weyburn, SK to North Portal POE.**
- ~ **s.38** "On 2/20/2022 there will be a blockage of service at the Baudette crossing. This will involve equipment and human blockade. It would be in your best interest to not cause physical damage and stand down." The tip information is of unconfirmed validity and it is unknown if it refers to the highway border crossing or the rail border crossing. Social media and open source investigation by CN identified the sender as **Personal Info.** CBSA notes that while a rail blockade would be on the US side, the track is the main line that links all the rail traffic from Fort Frances heading west. If that line is blocked rail traffic coming up from Chicago, through Fort Frances would stop or have to be diverted somehow. Fort Frances has the highest volume of rail traffic across Canada, a blockade would cause a significant disruption.
- ~ **Uncorroborated reports claim that Rainy River POE may be targeted for upcoming protest and there may also be a blockade of the CN rail line in Rainy River, ON. No further details on when these protests may occur are available at this time.**

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Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- ~ A press release from the Alberta RCMP indicates that arrests have been made at the Coutts, AB border blockade. A search warrant was executed early 2022-02-14, which resulted in the arrest of 13 individuals forming a small organized group participating in the larger Coutts protest. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of 13 long guns, handguns, multiple sets of body armour, a machete, a large quantity of ammunition and high capacity magazines. The Alberta RCMP indicates that this group has a willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade. Media reports indicate that four of the 13 people arrested at the Coutts border blockade have been charged with conspiring to murder RCMP officers. The RCMP have confirmed the conspiracy charge related to allegations the four were planning to kill officers **s.38**

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Other Threats

- ~ **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests **s.38** **s.38** Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

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Law Enforcement Partner Engagement Summary

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POE Name	Province	POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present	Active Operational Plan	Additional Request from POJ
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	Yes		
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No		
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No		
Courts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No		
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cornwall	ON	Yes	Yes		Cornwall Police	Yes	Yes		
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No		No
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes		
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes		Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	Yes	No	
Landdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No		
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Windsor Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No	No	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No	No	No
St Bernard de La Colle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Steinbock	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO ***	NO ***
St Armand/Phillipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO ***	NO ***
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
St Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Last Updated 2022-02-17 04:00									

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Communications

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On Feb 16, Media relations closed **seven trucker-related media calls** (details in the attached wrap):

- ~ Three calls from reporters looking to confirm a National Post story that MyPillow **Personal Info.** and a truck full of over 10,000 pillows were seemingly blocked at the Canadian border crossing at Port Huron-Sarnia. Of note: we have an open call this morning asking for comment on **Personal** new plan to airdrop his 10,000 pillows over Canada that will be attached to tiny parachutes, from a helicopter. We will refer the aviation portion of the question to Transport Canada;
- ~ Two calls re: **Emergencies Act** and related interdictions at the border;
- ~ One call re: protests and blockades at border; and
- ~ One call re: commercial truck statistics

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Other Governmental Departments and Media

Ottawa, ON:

- ~ Renewed police presence visible in downtown Ottawa as occupation nears 4th weekend. [Link](#)
- ~ As of the morning of 17 Feb, fences were being set up in front of government buildings including Parliament Hill and the Senate. Police vehicles, including marked OPP were seen gathering at the EY Centre near the international airport to the south. [Link](#)
- ~ There has been a reduction in heavy trucks in the downtown but an increase in pick-up trucks and personal vehicles.
- ~ Police resources continue to deliver messaging to the demonstrators.
- ~ A winter storm is heading towards the capital and is expected to begin on the evening of 17 Feb. Environment Canada has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Ottawa. There is also a special weather statement in effect for the capital. Total rainfall amounts of 10-25 mm are possible by the afternoon of 17 Feb, and 20-30 cm of snow is expected by the morning of 18 Feb. [Link](#)
- ~ As of 1506 ET, Public Safety GOC released a notification to employees:
 - o~ We continue to monitor the situation taking place in downtown Ottawa. As you know, there is an increased police presence in the area and there continue to be traffic disruptions and road closures.

- o~ Direction provided by the City of Ottawa on February 15 still applies: people are to avoid non-essential travel, especially in the downtown core. As such, we continue to ask that employees avoid the downtown core. This approach is recommended until such time as this situation improves.

Foreign Interference:

- ~ RRM Canada saw no significant change in the last 24 hours, and therefore has no additional input.
- ~ Prominent discussions online about the "Truckers Convoy" have continued to shift, now overlapping with those related to the Emergencies Act. A significant portion of engagement and activity continues to come from US online communities, driven by key US influencers, alternative media and political actors. Given the transnational nature of this discussion, it is difficult to determine exact metrics, but analysis indicates a clear interest among various US communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.

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Media:

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- ~ CTV News: Ottawa police increase downtown presence, issue new warning to convoy protesters <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-police-increase-downtown-presence-issue-new-warning-to-convoy-protesters-1.5784834>
- ~ COVID live updates: Quebec police officers head to Ottawa area as occupation continues | [Montreal Gazette](#)
- ~ Banks have started to freeze accounts linked to the protests, Freeland says | [CBC News](#)
- ~ Police say they're restricting access to Ottawa's core as occupation nears 4th weekend | [CBC News](#)

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